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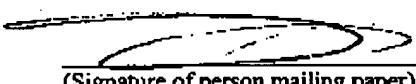
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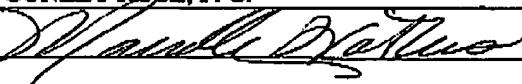
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 8, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.